

# *Honorary Proclamation*



BILL RITTER, JR.  
GOVERNOR

## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK October 18 – 24, 2009

WHEREAS, Colorado has experienced the physical and emotional consequences – suffering damage to property and loss of life – caused by severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, avalanches in Colorado have claimed the lives of hundreds of individuals over the past several – more than in any other; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes of death associated with winter weather are hypothermia, exhaustion, and automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather causes millions of dollars in damages and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is a responsibility of government that depends on the leadership of elected officials and the efforts of informed citizens, volunteers, and government employees; and

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that an informed and prepared citizenry and organized disaster emergency teams can help the public to better cope with and survive the effects of severe winter weather;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 18 – 24, 2009,

## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this seventeenth day of  
September, 2009

*Bill Ritter, Jr.*

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor

